

Provincial Election on the Horizon

There will be a provincial election in June. As responsible citizens, each of us will be called upon to study, evaluate and decide where to place our support to ensure that Ontario is responsibly governed for the next several years. In order to do this, it may help to answer several questions. What is the primary responsibility of the provincial government? What are the issues? How can we determine our political priorities for health, education, welfare, etc.? Which political party best represents our interest as retirees? How do we decide which candidate or party is most likely to keep promises made at election time? What are the track records of the politicians and political parties that have represented us in the past? What is the best way for the government to deliver the services that we want and/or need? What is being said about how the resources necessary to pay for the desired services will be marshalled? Each of the parties will present a platform of ideas and strategies for our consideration. We will no doubt face a bewildering set of choices that provide some answers and many more questions. No-one can answer these questions for us so we have to decide on our own, perhaps in consultation with family and friends after listening to and participating in many conversations. In the next several issues of the newsletter, I plan to share with you some of the information that is being circulated by RTO/ERO with respect to aging, age friendly cities, enhanced geriatric care and so on. I hope this will help you keep abreast of the issues that will affect our members as we enjoy our retirement. A successful democratic election depends on the involvement of a well informed and committed electorate. Our participation ensures that our voice is heard.